

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 11, 2018

6:00 PM

Magnolia Town Hall

6:00 PM - Call to Order
Called to order at 6:02 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Jim Frazier, Vice Mayor Scott Fowler, Ralph Satterfield, Dustan Russum and Diane Cahall were present. Mike Cohill was available via telephone.
Guest: Brian Howard.

Additions/deletions to published agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of: Residential Code Issues/Building Maintenance Issues.

Council Minutes of previous meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Scott Fowler and 2nd by James Frazier.
Motion passed.

Mayor Frazier introduced Mr. Brian Howard; a new resident and business owner at 7 and 9 South Main Street. Mr. Howard is a Lucifer; he works out of an out building on a separate area of land. He requested council's approval to install a sign measuring 2 feet high and 4 feet wide in front of the fence on this property. He would also like to donate a bench for the bus stop near the front of his property. James Frazier motioned to approve the signage at 7 South Main Street, 2nd by Scott Fowler, Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented with the payment of bills submitted by Diane Cahall. Delinquent water bills are slowly coming in; Maria Bennett paid in full, Waneta Rentz sent partial payment, no payment or response from Rigoberto Perez. Diane advised Council the cost of accepting credit/debit cards for water and tax invoices can be done through Quick Books. The cost is \$20 per month and \$1 per ACH. This cost could be a service fee passed on to the consumer. Diane will request the 2018 Tax Assessment for property located in the town limits from Kent County. Scott Fowler made a motion to accept the report and pay the bills, 2nd by James Frazier. Motion passed.

Public Works Report

Dustan Russum presented the water report:

Water usage: 1,124,000 gallons of water during March 2018. Pump 2: 2,833,000 gallons. Pump 3: 4,386,000 gallons. Pump 2 ran 288 hours, Pump 3 ran 274 hours. Chlorine average is .5325. Fluoride is .6. Dustan informed council that Southern inspected the tower and noted the holes are fixed, just painted – they did not sand the struts. Ralph noted that the struts should have been sanded and painted during year 3 or 4 of the contract. Southern said that the struts are ok but structural worker will inspect and see if they should have been sanded. A decision on the new tower contract must be made before July 1st, 2018. Southern is located in Middletown, DE. Tower water is 8 feet below overflow. Scott thought it was 5 feet below overflow. Scott will check overflow and check PSI. Dustan wants to contact Carrie DeSimone of Duffield Assn. regarding lead pipes. Dustan has completed the CCR reports, just need to get it mailed out.

Ralph Satterfield presented the public works report: Supported tank cleaning every day except 4/13 (out of town). Met with Southern Corrosion for 3 hours, he was surveying the tank interior prior to making his bid. Replace two damaged parking sign on South Main Street. Dressed flags, Flushed School, Has been a back to the wall period. - town f.

Old Business:

Council:

Mike Cohill is still recuperating and living with his daughter, he will remain on council as proxy voting and on call until he can be replaced but he is not in good health. Buck Dougherty is interested but will not be eligible until September 2018. Council is encouraged to keep scouting for new council memebrs.

Comprehensive Plan:

Mayor Frazier advised council that per their approval he has signed a contract with the University of Delaware IPA in the amount of \$4500. The contract will cover statistical information, graphs and maps. They will also attend two meetings with the comp plan team. Mayor Frazier also contacted Ashton McLaughlin, Magnolia resident and civil engineer to join the Comp Plan Committee. We have received 32+ questionnaires from the community regarding the Comp Plan. The team will meet again in early June. It has been questioned if plan is regarded as: Master Plan or Comp Plan? Rumored that Del Dot will fund a Master Plan, However, Del Dot will not fund and it is not free. It sounds like a duplicate plan.

National Flood Insurance:

Effective April 27th, 2018 The Town of Magnolia is a member of the National Flood Insurance Program. The town is out of the 100 year flood plan, but we are now a National Flood Insurance member for any interested parties.

Street Repairs:

Mayor Frazier send a letter to Rep. Charles Postles requesting \$10,000 for 4 patch repairs to bring Main Street up to Del Dot Specs.

Code Enforcement:

Mayor Frazier is sending a letter to Kent County requesting assistance with the property of Lloyd Schmidt. Ted Barwinski's daughter contacted Mayor Frazier and is having a problem selling her father's home due to the condition of the Schmidt property next door. The Farrow house is also in bad condition.

Adjournment:

James Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm.
2nd by Scott Fowler, Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Diane P. Cahall